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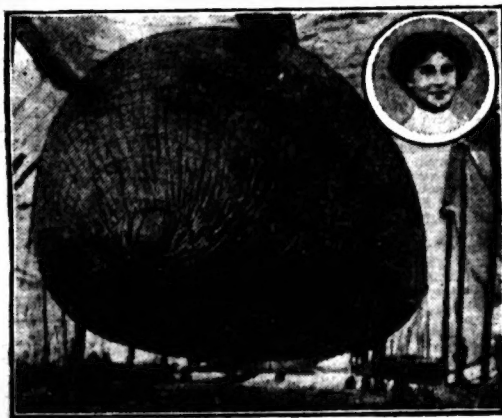
WHITE CITY EXPLOSION.

AIRSHIP BURSTS AND IS TOTALLY DESTROYED.

ONE KILLED AND FIVE INJURED.

The injured men in the terrible fatal accident which occurred at the Franco-British Exhibition were yesterday stated to be progressing as well as could be expected, and every hope is now entertained that they will ultimately recover. The explosion, which started the fire and wrecked Capt. Lovelace's airship, took place in an enclosure in the grounds. An hour or two before the time at which Capt. Lovelace intended to attempt a trial trip in the vessel the gas bag exploded, bringing down the tent in which it was confined. The fire, which either followed or preceded the explosion, burned to death a girl of 18 named Hill, who was in the tent, and so severely injured an assistant named Higgins that he is not expected to live. The airship, which had a cylindrical gas bag 75 ft. in length and 16 ft. in diameter, was kept in a tent in the grounds just large enough to accommodate it comfortably. The capacity of the vessel is about 10,000 cubic feet. The enclosure in which the tent is situated is a fairly extensive one, adjoining the Bengalese Village, and not far from the western end of the Stadium. Attached to the gas bag of the airship was a light framework made of spruce and aluminium, which supported the aeronaut when working the vessel and carried the 20 horse-power petrol engine which drives the propeller.

A Terrible Explosion.
On Friday Capt. Lovelace detached the framework and engine from the gas vessel, in order to take the engine around the enclosure for a trial run. He noticed, in doing so, that a slight rent had appeared on the side of the gas bag, and he asked Miss Hill to stop up the rent. This she proceeded to do. There was also working in the



THE BALLOON IN ITS TENT.
(Inset is a photo of the victim, Miss Hill.)

tent a man named Edward Higgins, who was standing on a ladder overhauling the electric light, which was installed there. Just as Capt. Lovelace had left with the framework and engine, there came an explosion which shook every building in the vicinity of the enclosure and was audible all over the exhibition. The canvas of the tent was half thrown down, and there came a sudden glare of flames as the gas bag burst and fired the canvas sides and top of the tent. The destruction of the gas bag of the airship and the burning of the tent was so rapid that in what seemed less than a minute all that remained of them were a few smouldering embers and the tent poles, which remained in their upright position. Brief as was the duration of the fire during those few moments of time which it occupied, two gallant though unsuccessful attempts were made to rescue the two persons who were known to be involved in it. Capt. Lovelace rushed back and forced his way through the burning canvas into the interior of the falling structure.

Victim's Agonised Screams.
He heard Miss Hill's agonised screams on the other side of the tent, and, rushing round there, he tried to find her. It was, however, too late, for the young lady was immured within what seemed to be the heart of the fire; and when later her charred body was discovered, it could be seen that her death must have been mercifully swift, and that nothing could possibly have been done to save her. George Waites, an employee of Capt. Lovelace, also made a brave effort to rescue the girl, though he was suffering great pain from burns which he had received outside the tent through the explosion. He made his way towards the fire, and was only driven back by a sheet of flame through which it was impossible to venture further. The fire brigade which is kept in readiness at the Exhibition had meanwhile been summoned, and got to work promptly with a hydrant near by. A call was also sent on to the London Fire Brigade at Rivington's Bush Station, and the firemen were soon directing a considerable volume of water upon the flames. Fortunately the high fence surrounding the enclosure sufficed to shelter the scene from what wind there was, and the flames were kept from spreading to the adjacent buildings. When I got inside I found that the girl had been hurled a considerable distance by the force of the explosion, and was taken at once to the Hammermith Workhouse Infirmary only a short distance away. It was seen on his

Mutilated Bodies.
The injured men were afforded what relief was possible from their terrible injuries by the members of the French Ambulance Corps, who have an exhibition tent just outside the entrance to the enclosure. After prompt treatment the injured were conveyed with all possible despatch to the hospital. Higgins, who had been hurled a considerable distance by the force of the explosion, was taken at once to the Hammermith Workhouse Infirmary only a short distance away. It was seen on his

The Casualties.
The following is the official list of the killed and injured:—
Dead: Miss Blanche Hill.
Injured: George Waites, severely burned; Edward Higgins, burns all over body (not expected to live);

J. Leonard, severe burns on head, face, and hands;
H. Grand, very severely burned on arms, shoulders, and face.
The three injured men who were taken to the Hammermith Infirmary are all in a dangerous condition, Higgins particularly, he having sustained severe burns practically all over the body. Geo. Waites (who is 40 years of age, married, and is described as the lecturer of the airship), is burned all over his face, head, and hands, while Capt. Lovelace's assistant, Leonard (who is 39 years old and married), is the least injured of the three, being burned on the head, neck, and arms. He also, however, is in danger.—The inquest will be held on Tuesday.

LOSS OF MEMORY.

EX-SOLDIER STEALS CHEQUE AND DISAPPEARS.
Edward Brock, 58, clerk, pleaded guilty, at the Clerkenwell Sessions, to having stolen the sum of £48 7s. 3d., the property of Percy Gates and others, the members of the Kensington Local District Committee. It was stated that Brock served for 31 years in the Army, and left with an exemplary character, having risen to the rank of acting sergeant-major. Since leaving the service he had worked honestly for private firms, and eventually became a clerk to prosecutors. On Feb. 17 he went away with the cheque in question, and was not seen again until July 23, when he was found acting as a turnstile attendant at the Franco-British Exhibition. He was unable to explain the theft, his mind being a blank on the subject, and it was urged that illness had caused a temporary aberration of intellect. It was a pension of £40 a year, and in assisting their circumstances. Mr. Loveland, K.C., bound him over in his own recognisances.

BURGLAR OF EIGHT.

TOUCHING STORY OF OLD COUPLE'S LOVE FOR FOSTER-SON.
Quite invisible in the dock, Willie Faulkner, aged eight, and standing only 3 ft. high, appeared at Brentford, charged with stealing certain property from the West Haling Social Club. Constable Koff stated that the boy had confessed that he had broken into the club with the aid of other boys, and after stealing the articles found in his possession, had let himself out by the front door.—Mr. Wilfrid Firth said that the boy's foster-parents had instructed him to defend him. The boy was a name-child left with an old couple named Lewis, who had become passionately fond of him, and kept him all his life without taking a penny in payment. "If the boy is sent away it will break the hearts of this old couple," he said.—To the delight of the venerable couple, who came joyfully forward to receive him, the youthful culprit was allowed to go home with them.

ATTACK ON A GIRL.

EXCITING EXPERIENCE ON A SURREY MEATH.
At Guildford County Petty Sessions, John Edwards, employed at Barnet Hill, Blackheath, Surrey, was committed for trial, charged with an assault on Gertrude Davis, and with attempting to murder her, and further with attempting to commit suicide. Miss Davis, who is 17 years of age, was walking, on the morning of July 31, to Chilworth Station, across a heath, when she stated, prisoner caught hold of her arm and threatened to kill her. During the struggle prisoner said that he tried to pour a fluid into her throat from a bottle. She knocked it away, but her mouth and nose were burned. Eventually she got away. The burns, according to a doctor's evidence, were caused by some corrosive substance. In the early morning of August 1 prisoner emerged from the back premises of his house, and when the police gave chase hastily drank from a bottle containing poison. An emetic was administered by the police, and prisoner recovered in the hospital. He now said he remembered nothing of the affair.

HOUSEHOLD TROOPS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING.
The arrangements for the London District Rifle Association's Annual Meeting, in which the great majority of the men shooting belong to the Household Troops, have been issued, and show that Maj.-gen. the Hon. Sir Frederick Stopford and the committee intend to give due effect to the Army Council's purpose that military prize competitions shall be conducted as much as possible under campaigning conditions. The meeting consequently will occupy four days, from the 22nd to the 25th of September, instead of the two days previously found sufficient, and will be held on the Guards' ranges at Pirbright instead of at Bletley.

ANALYST'S WILL.
Sir Thomas Stevenson, the famous Home Office analyst, who died at Streatham on July 27, and whose will was proved yesterday, left estate valued at £25,594 gross and £25,593 net. He bequeathed £1,500 to his son Claude, £250 to each of his daughters Alice and Dorothy, £2,500 in trust for his daughter Mabel, known as sister Geraldine, £1,000 to his daughter Clara, £100 to Dr. E. H. Brock, and the residue in trust for his five daughters.

A CLERICAL GHOUL.

PRIEST & HIS PARAMOUR SENT TO CAOL.

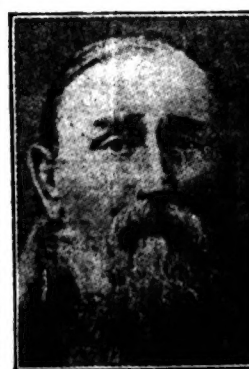
A tremendous sensation has been caused throughout Southern Russia by the extraordinary evidence given at the trial of Father Bielyaief, a respected priest, holding a Government appointment, and his mistress, a beautiful girl named Katerina Nadaroff, who have just been sentenced respectively to 20 and 7 years' hard labour in a penal settlement. At the trial the following extraordinary story was told.—A wealthy landowner, named Polienoff,



MILE. KATERINA NADAROFF.

chanced to be displayed in a jeweller's window, in Tiflis, a magnificent ruby ring and a locket, set with a quantity of shaped moonstones. He at once recognised the jewellery as having been buried with his daughter, a young lady who fell a victim to brigands, about a year ago. M. Polienoff's inquiries proved that the locket and ring had been bought from Katerina Nadaroff, who was commonly believed to be the mistress of Father Bielyaief, the supervisor of certain State cemeteries in the Caucasus. Later the police discovered that Mile. Nadaroff had from time to time offered large quantities of jewellery for sale to the goldsmiths of Tiflis, and in every instance it was found that the value had been taken from bodies buried in graveyards and cemeteries under the care of Father Bielyaief.

The Priest's Defence.
In his defence, the clerical ghoul stated that the Caucasus well justified the name of "Mordorland." Apart from persons who died natural deaths, thousands of murders were committed every year, and the graveyards were so terribly overcrowded that, at intervals, bones and even portions of recently-buried bodies were constantly turned up. "In such cases," he proceeded, "when I did not scruple to take the jewellery and allow my secretary to turn it into money, for the benefit of our Holy Mother Church." The police, however, produced witnesses who swore that they had been hired by Father Bielyaief to play the part of ghouls. Frequently, they said, during the hours of the night, arrayed in surplices and wearing the mitre, they had, in the company of Katerina Nadaroff, crept stealthily, under the leadership of Father Bielyaief himself, into the cemeteries and graveyards. Bielyaief, they said, played the part of an Eastern demon, who lived on carrion, dug by night, from over-stocked graveyards. After pronouncing a



FATHER BIELYAEFF.

benediction on the enterprise, Bielyaief, assisted by his hand, set to work with spades and pickaxes and turn up recently-interred corpses, and many a rich hearse was made, for wealthy women, throughout the Caucasus, are often buried with their favorite gems and finery. A remark of this kind was made by Mile. Polienoff's lawyer, caused Father Bielyaief's arrest, her jewellery was also the indirect cause of her own death. About a year ago, while driving with another lady through a pass in the hills near Elizabetopol, Mile. Polienoff's carriage was first upon by outlaws. The coachman whipped up his horses, and attempted to escape, but the bandits rapidly overtook the terrified women. Hearing the shots, a detachment of Cossacks, on the lookout for brigands, rode to the rescue at full speed. Mile. Polienoff, in a frenzy of fear, thrust a jewelled hand from the carriage window, and wildly beckoned them on. The outlaws, who had already surrounded the carriage, turned to flee, when one of them saw the sparkle of diamonds on the fingers of the beckoning hand. Drawing a short sword from his belt, he slashed at the lady's wrist, with one blow severing the hand from the arm. Seizing his ghastly trophy, he rode away, and the hand, denuded of its rings, was subsequently found in the robbers' track. Within a fortnight Mile. Polienoff died of blood-poisoning.

STONE THROWING.
Wm. Moore, 16 years old, living in Clarence-st., Bethnal Green, was summoned, at Old-st., for throwing a missile at a passenger train on the G.N.R.—Evidence showed that on July 11, as a passenger train ran through the cutting at the back of Clarence-st., a stone was thrown, striking the fireman and causing a wound on his forehead. The boy was on the wall at the back of his father's house, and afterwards owned to the throwing.—Mr. Clegg said the case was only tried at the Central Criminal Court, and was punishable with penal servitude for life.—Committee accordingly.

OFFICE TRAGEDY.

CASHIER MURDERED AT BRADFORD.

A formal remand was granted yesterday at Bradford, when Jno. Wood was charged with the wilful murder of Thos. Wilkinson, a cashier.—The story of the crime was told when Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, the Bradford City Coroner, resumed the inquiry into the death of deceased, who was employed by Messrs. Fieldhouse and Jowett, dyers, and was the victim of a murderous assault at the firm's office in Bransford, Bradford, on July 31. Det.-sergt. Knowles gave evidence as to receiving a description of a man, and proceeding to Ellwood's house shortly before five o'clock on Saturday morning, Aug. 1. Ellwood, who answered the description, opened the door. Witness cautioned him on his arrest, and he replied, "I know nothing about it, but I will go with you." Ellwood was identified among seven others at the Town Hall by a man named Pollard, who gave the description. Ellwood was then cautioned again and charged, but he made no reply.

"A Bit of a Sother."
—By the Chief Constable: When formally charged he said nothing, but folded his arms, dropped his head, and shook it. He was quite sober and quite rational in his conduct. He asked for several drinks of water.—Jonn Pollard, a carter, said that on the Friday, after passing through Swanscombe, he heard a cry of "Oh! Oh!" A man, whom he now recognised as Ellwood, came out of Messrs. Fieldhouse and Jowett's office, and asked, "What's up?" He replied, "We are having a bit of a sother." Accused was flushed. While standing at his employer's door three minutes later witness saw Ellwood again come out of the office. Witness said to him, "Well, how have you got on?" and he replied, "Oh, all right." Ellwood was rubbing his hands, and there was blood upon them, but he was not then carrying a long thin newspaper parcel, about a foot and a half long, which witness had previously noticed.

Cause of Death.
—Witness followed Ellwood about 100 yards. Accused was a stranger to witness, who did not hear of Wilkinson's injuries until late at night—seven hours afterwards. He immediately gave a description of Ellwood to the police.—Samuel Ellis, the next witness, produced a book relating to the sale of a secondhand poker at a broker's shop in Manchester-rd. for 3d. on July 31. He could not identify either the purchaser or the poker. The poker would have been sold between twelve and three o'clock. These purchases were usually wrapped up in a newspaper.—By Mr. Atkinson (for the defence):—Dr. Enrich, who made a post-mortem examination, described Wilkinson's injuries. In his opinion death was due to a compound fracture of the skull and laceration of the brain. The injuries must have been caused by frequent applications of direct violence. At least 10 heavy blows must have been struck, and at least two of these were sufficient to cause death. A poker was a likely instrument to have caused the injuries if used with considerable strength.

Verdict Against Prisoner.
—By the Chief Constable: Such injuries could not have been either accidental or self-inflicted.—Mary Craven, a workgirl, employed by Messrs. Constantine, umbrella makers, next door to the office, said that at Messrs. Fieldhouse and Jowett's she saw a man, whom she identified as Ellwood, standing at the door. He had something in his hand, and she heard him say, "This was on her way back from dinner.—Hy. Jowett, of Messrs. Fieldhouse and Jowett, stated that it was the custom of Wilkinson to go to the bank every Friday, just after dinner. On the day in question he had in his possession a number of cheques. Witness had known Ellwood about 16 years, during which he was employed by the firm. Ellwood was dismissed about six months ago, and "would know what Wilkinson went for wages on a Friday.—A verdict of wilful murder was returned against Ellwood.

FATAL CIGARETTE.

BRISTOL LOVER'S TRAGIC DEATH.
An inquest was held at Bristol on Arthur Tett, aged 33, who died from injuries sustained during a fire which occurred at a house in Old Charlotte-st., Bedminster.—Rosina Clements, daughter of the tenant of the house, said Tett was her sweetheart, and visited her on Sunday, Aug. 2. He slept on a sofa in the dining room. Witness left him at 11 o'clock, and put out the fire. During the night she heard shouting and on going down stairs found the dining-room in flames. Tett, whose clothes were burning, got through a window, and her brother jumped from the window above it. When she left him he was not smoking.—A fireman named Down deposed to finding the young man lying on the floor. During the night witness also lost consciousness, and both were rescued by firemen.—Supt. Gotta, Chief of Police Fire Brigade, stated that the dining room was burnt out. He failed to discover the cause of the fire. Tett, when he recovered consciousness at the hospital, admitted that he had been smoking. He told witness he thought a cigarette must have dropped out of his mouth when he went to sleep, setting fire to his clothes.—A medical witness attributed death to shock following burns, the injuries being very extensive.—The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and commended Fireman Down.

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BURIAL SCANDAL.

THREE CHARGED WITH DIGGING UP A BODY.

Evidence of a particularly unpleasant description was given at Tontbridge, when the hearing was continued of the summonses against Geo. Tipping, a verger and sexton at St. Peter's Church, Southborough, and Bert Harris and Arthur Smith, two labourers, for having unlawfully, wilfully, and indecently caused and procured to be dug open a certain grave in the churchyard of St. Peter's Church, Southborough, wherein had been buried the body of Emily Pack, in the month of July, 1860, and did then and there cause the said body to be taken out of the grave, and did then and there cause the same to be interred with indignities offered thereto, on the 12th and 13th of June.

At the previous hearing Mr. Lewis (prosecuting) stated that Tipping was made sexton in 1906, but received no burial fee only allowed in Southborough churchyard in family graves where a depth of 5 ft. could be obtained. The relatives of a man named Edw. Pack, who died in June, desired that he should be buried with his sister in a grave in the churchyard, and that grave was accordingly opened. But after a depth of 4 ft. had been reached it was discovered that a coffin was there. Orders were given to cease work. This was done, but counsel said that witnesses would state that they saw further work in operation at night time. Later, Mr. Gallard, a relative of Mr. Pack, said that the grave had been dug out, and was much deeper than it was when he had last seen it.

Dragging Out a Corpse.
—According to the evidence of Jno. Laker, a Southborough carman, who was engaged in work at the cemetery, on June 13, the work was proceeded with in spite of the fact that the coffin was found at a depth of 4 ft., and his attention was attracted to the doing, said, "My orders are to dig, and Harris standing in one end of the coffin digging out the remains of a corpse. The skull was on the ground



TIPPING. HARRIS. SMITH.

outside the grave, and a number of children were standing round looking on. Harris, then asked what he was doing, said, "My orders are to muck this out." Laker produced a piece of the bottom of the coffin, and stated that he refused to take away the skull in a sack when asked to do so.—In answer to Mr. Travers Humphreys (for the defence) he said that the night was very dark, and the reply was, "We are going to the vicar to ask him to stop the work, as he did not think it was a matter for the vicar, but rather for members of the district council or the burial board. He did not go to see Tipping about it, but informed the police later.

Crowbar Through the Coffin.
—A labourer named Eldridge stated that he saw Arthur Smith opening the grave of Emily Pack in the churchyard. He asked what he was doing, and the reply was, "We are going to see if we can put Ted Pack here." Witness replied, "I do not think you can. I do not think there is sufficient depth." Smith did not reply. Later in the day, when the witness again passed the churchyard, he noticed a crowbar and a spade on the grave, and the crowbar had been placed in it and was standing in the coffin, a foot of the lid of which was visible in the hole. No one was working there then, but Smith came later and said, "We have got to go on opening it. Next morning at seven o'clock Harris came up and started to work in the grave, and at 8.30 witness saw that the lid of the coffin was broken and half of it thrown out, and later he saw Harris standing in the coffin throwing out earth and bones to either side. Witness said to Harris, "You have got a nice old job there; and Harris replied, "Yes, but half." Witness asked, "What have you done with the other bones, and that which has come out?" and the reply was that he had buried them under the earth removed from the grave. By about eleven o'clock the grave had been cleaned out.

Shovelling Out Bones.
—Wm. Ralph, another labourer, stated that whilst he was working in another grave in the churchyard, Arthur Smith came to him and said, "I have got down on to the coffin—come and have a look." Witness went over and saw the bones in the coffin and had placed an iron bar through the lid. Smith, when asked what he was going to do, said he would do no more, but wait for further orders. Later he saw Harris standing in the grave and shovelling out earth and parts of the decayed coffin and bones.—Mr. Chapman, a Southborough undertaker, said he conveyed to Tipping the desire of the relatives of Edward Pack, that he should be buried in the same grave as his sister Emily. He asked Tipping to look in his register to see whether there would be sufficient depth for it. Tipping made no remark, but went and told the bell.—Mr. Travers Humphreys: He went and told the sexton and the sexton told the bell. (Laughter.)—Cross-examined, Chapman denied that Laker said to him, "Give this man a bit of gold." The fee paid in regard to this case was the ordinary fee. At the funeral

there was nothing in the appearance of the grave to arouse his suspicions, and he saw no human remains there. Reported to the Home Office.—Thomas Smith, a labourer, who had been employed as a gravedigger by Mr. Tipping, said that Tipping gave him instructions to open a grave and dig down as far as he could to see if there was room for another coffin. He understood that he was to leave the remains of Emily Pack where they were. He commenced the work, but his brother Arthur went on with it. Witness also spoke to seeing bones in the churchyard on the Friday evening, and Tipping told him to put away a piece of the coffin which was showing. He put it below some boards near the grave.—The clerk to the Urban Council of Southborough stated that in October last he saw Tipping, and told him that it had been reported to the burial board that graves were being opened in the disused part of St. Peter's churchyard, and warned him to be careful, or else proceedings might be taken against him. Laker made a complaint to him on June 16, and the council held a meeting, as the result of which the matter was reported to the Home Office.—P.C. Clarke stated that he saw Harris respecting the matter, and Harris made a statement, in which he said that after the funeral of Edward Pack he asked Arthur Smith put the remains of Emily Pack back again into the grave.

One Case Dismissed.
Arthur Smith stated to witness that while he was working in the grave Tipping came to him and said, "Have you found anything?" Arthur Smith said, "No," and Tipping then said, "I have agreed to get it out." Tipping, in a statement, said that a relative of Edw. Pack had come to him and asked that Pack should be buried in the same grave as his sister. The grave was opened down to five feet, but there was no trace of human remains. He gave no instructions to remove the coffin or any remains. When the summons was served on Arthur Smith, he said, "This is a bit of all right; I was just going to get married." When Harris was served with the summons he said that he got the body and the coffin out, and later said, though not in Tipping's presence, that Tipping

knew all about the affair.—Mr. Travers Humphreys submitted to the bench that the prosecution had made out no case against Tipping. There was no evidence to connect him with any responsibility for the matter.—The bench dismissed the case against Arthur Smith, considering that there was no prima facie case against him, but committed Tipping and Harris for trial.—They both entered a formal plea of not guilty.—Tipping was allowed bail in £100, but Harris was unable to find a surety in £10.

SUICIDE AT 81.

TIED OF LIFE, A MAN HANGS HIMSELF.
Following close upon the suicide of an old man of 84 comes a case in which another octogenarian, this time aged 81, has taken his life. He was Edwin Hinson, of Harewood-avenue, Blandford-sq., and the circumstances of his death were investigated at the Marylebone Court.—The widow said her husband had been in indifferent health for some years. On Monday he went to bed after taking a sleeping draught, and when he woke up got restless. He went downstairs, and as he did not return she went after him, and found him with a handkerchief round his neck fastened to a chair. He had never threatened suicide before, but the previous week he was found with a silk handkerchief round his neck. He seemed to be tired of life, and suffered so much that he wished to end it.—After hearing medical evidence, the jury gave a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind.

POSTMASTER CHARGED.

£130 PENSION LOST BY MIS-APPROPRIATION.
Frank B. M. Warriner, postmaster of Hayward's Heath, appeared before the local Bench charged with appropriating money belonging to the Postmaster-General. Gross interest was shown in the case, the court being crowded. In all, prisoner is charged with having appropriated £264 3s. 10d. He admitted taking the money, and gave the postal authorities all possible assistance in clearing up the unpleasant business. It was stated that until recently prisoner had borne a very good character. Mr. Burrell, for the defence, said prisoner had not only lost his reputation, but also a present pension of £130 per annum.—The Bench declined to deal with the case summarily and committed prisoner for trial.

NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL.
At Portsmouth a naval court-martial tried Assistant Paymaster Alexander Organ on charges of stealing three sums, aggregating £20, and of making false entries in his books.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty. Prisoner was Senior Assistant Paymaster at the Royal Naval Barracks, and was entrusted with money to make sundry payments for particulars as to when called on for particulars as to the head of savings bank withdrawals, the prosecution alleged that no satisfactory answer was obtainable from prisoner, and that certain vouchers and documents were missing.—The Court found him guilty and ordered his dismissal from the Navy.

IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

Mansion House.

DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A daring case of highway robbery was brought to the notice of Sir J. T. Ratcliffe, when two rough-looking men, named Jas. Bancroft, 25, of Crescent rd., Leyton, a carman, and Harry Collins, 32, porter, of Ernest-st., Mile End, were charged with stealing a gold chain, cigar cutter, lock, and silver-plated compass, value £13, from Mr. J. Perkins, lighterman, of 90, Thames-st. Mr. Perkins, who is one of the oldest members of the Common Council, stated that on Friday afternoon he was crossing Love-lane towards his office, after luncheon. He pulled out his watch to see the time. A moment later a man put his arm round his neck and grasped his throat with one hand, and with the other snatched away his watch-chain with it. The act was so sudden that witness could not identify anyone. "I was hurt very much about the neck, and I can feel it now," said Mr. Perkins. Det. Gunner said he was in company with Det. Butcher in the Minorities on Friday afternoon, when they saw two prisoners and kept them under observation for nearly an hour, following them from one place to another. He saw Collins place himself by the side of prosecutor, at the same time Bancroft put his left arm round the man's neck and wrenched his watch-chain away. He then ran to a coffee shop. "What's this for?" he asked, when witness arrested him, and added, "I have not got it." Collins was arrested close to the scene of the robbery. Mr. Trotter (chief clerk): Has the property been recovered? Gunner: No, sir. Prosecutor: At the police station, to my great surprise, I found the watch in my pocket. I thought it had gone with the chain. (Laughter.) Remanded.

Guildhall.

"THE DRIVER'S TERROR."

A timber merchant, Chas. Gardner, of Janeway-st., Bermondsey, was charged with gross cruelty to a horse by causing it to be worked while lame, suffering from sores on the back and skin diseases. Mr. C. Perry stopped the horse, attached to a heavy lorry, as it was being driven by the Minorities Police Station. It was in a very distressed state, and when questioned the driver said, "Oh, I thought it was all right. The governor sent it out." Defendant now consented to let the animal be destroyed. He had 30s. and costs. P.C. Perry, who is known to carmen and drivers of decrepit and worn-out horses as "The Terror," and to others as the "Horse's Friend," has, during the past 12 months, been on special duty at the door of the Minorities Police Station, as the fact has become well-known for the drivers of these wretched beasts pass the word round, and rather than pass the police station corner, make a wide detour to avoid Perry. During the year he has secured over 70 convictions.

Bow-street.

DETECTIVE AND GILF.

A singular charge of theft was preferred against Sarah Hare, 14, employed at Messrs. Maples, Tottenham Court-rd. For some time past money had been missed from a till in Messrs. Maples's carrying. Marked coins were placed in the till, but they mysteriously disappeared. On Friday night the manager of the department placed the worth of marked silver coins in the till, and before the establishment was opened yesterday morning Det. Sgt. King was keeping watch from behind a pile of carpets. It was alleged that soon after eight o'clock accused entered the department, and, walking straight to the till, shook it violently. This caused the bolt of the lock to drop, and she opened the drawer, putting the 10s. worth of marked money into her pocket. Det. Sgt. King then revealed himself, and at the same time the manager of the department appeared on the scene. The marked money was found in her pocket, and she produced a purse containing 22 shillings. A few minutes after a handkerchief containing 13s. worth of marked money was found near where she was standing when she was first spoken to by the detectives. Prisoner (sobbing): I must have dropped it. I must have been taken altogether. Sent to a remand home for a week.

Thames.

LIFE IN THE EAST END.

Shocking allegations were made against Israel Goldberg, a Polish alien, who was charged with assaulting Sarah Samuels, a cigar stripper, of Hannibal-rd., and with living on her immoral earnings. Prosecutor, who is a young woman, deposed she had lived at Regent House, Christian-st., with prisoner, whom she had known for two years, for four weeks. Prior to that she was a respectable girl. After accused had ruined her, and she had lived with him a week, he sent her out on an improper life, saying that he wanted her to keep him. When she said she would not, prisoner struck her, and forced her to walk Liverpool-st. The money she got she gave prisoner, and when she could not get any he knocked her about. Goldberg did a little work, but he never gave her any money, and she paid the rent and bought the food. When on Friday she told him that she was going home to her parents, prisoner, in the street, punched her about the face and chest, and tore all the clothes off her. Afterwards running away. He was followed by a number of persons and caught.

MEET AT DANFORTH HALL.

By Mr. Bedford, defending: Witness had met accused at dancing places in London, and during the time she had known him he had been to America. She denied saying to him, "If you don't marry me I will have you pinched." When witness

the park-keepers called a constable, and accused was arrested. Prisoner emphatically denied the assault, and said he was simply playing with the children, who, in romping, fell against him. He had no evil intent. Det. Sgt. White said accused was a man of excellent character, and had worked for one firm over 30 years. Committed for trial.

Clerkenwell.

THREAT TO SHOOT.

Some singular evidence was given when John Gills, 60, agent, of Hat-tray-rd., Brixton, was charged with threatening to shoot Philip Clark, of Hatton Garden, Mr. Ricketts prosecutor, and said his client was a jeweller. Four years ago accused claimed some commission, which was not acknowledged. Now he had turned up at Hatton Garden, and it was alleged, threatened to shoot Mr. Clark. Det. Insp. Stockley arrested Gills on a warrant in Peculiarly Circus on a charge of threatening to shoot Gills. "I'll tell you something about him later on," Prosecutor denied he had ever had dealings with prisoner. Hy. Sagar, a dealer, said he had seen accused about Hatton Garden lately. He heard prisoner say he was "waiting for Mr. Clark." He said that prisoner declared he did not live his time, and did not care what happened. Prisoner denied making the threats. He had no such intention with regard to prosecutor, whom he had not seen for many years. Mr. Brock accepted accused's own bail for his good behaviour in the sum of £2.

BETTING RAID.

As a result of a betting raid, Arthur Parsons, 41, tailor, of New-st., E.C. 4; Edk. Peters, 21, horse-keeper, of E.C. 4; Alb. Jacobs, 31, saddler, of Compton-buildings, and Harry Hallam, 25, cloth-maker, of Kingsland-rd., were charged with being found on the second floor of 13, Goswell-rd., kept for the purposes of betting. Parsons was said to be the occupier. The others were arrested as frequent visitors to the premises to bet. Prisoners were taken to a table and a couple of chairs. Parsons said, "You won't destroy the elips? I want to be fair to everybody." Witness found 96 elips, half of them relating to that day's betting. Peters, Jacobs, Wood, and Hallam, admitted going to the premises to bet, and were bound over not to offend again in the next 12 months. Parsons was allowed bail in £100 to come up on remand.

West London.

VISIT TO THE WHITE CITY.

In sequel to a visit to the Franco-British Exhibition was that in which Wm. Geo. Fisher, a coffee-house keeper, 40, of Lower Marsh, Lambeth, was charged with stealing a quantity of screws and a door handle from a stand occupied by the Harbourside Co. The manager of the stand, who was present, said that he saw accused at the stand at the exhibition, and when called later he saw prisoner come from behind a partition at the back of the stand. Accused said he was having a look round. Witness had him detained, and later he discovered that a case had been broken open. Geo. Baker, an attendant at the exhibition, said that prisoner told him it was only inquisitiveness on his part that made him go into the stand. Det. Yard said that a number of hair brushes had been missing from a neighbouring stall, and a brush had been found on prisoner, respecting which the police desired to make inquiries. Remanded on bail.

14 REASONS FOR A QUARREL.

"At any rate it could be said of them that they offered a strong opposition to race suicide, who appeared in a case in which Elizabeth Rewings, 40, married, of 43, Lurgan-avenue, Fulham, and Elizabeth Phillips, 31, married, of 55, Lurgan-avenue, were charged with using obscene language. The police evidence was that the women quarrelled. Mr. Ellis (for Phillips) explained that there was a dispute over the respective children. One woman had nine children, the other five—14 reasons, therefore, for their continuing the race. (Laughter.) The magistrate bound the defendants over.

Tower Bridge.

BALD AT SIXTEEN.

Unusual were two of the applications made to the magistrate. In the first a Dockhead matron asked for assistance in obtaining a wig for her daughter, a girl of 16, who was prevented by her baldness from getting employment. Three or four years ago, the mother said, the child's hair fell off through fright. To secure the wig gratuitously, a letter was sent to the London Surgical Aid Society, which was required. Mr. Rose: But a wig is not a surgical appliance; it is an ornament, like a hat. Do the Surgical Aid Society supply wigs? Applicant: Yes, I have been there; I have one letter. Magistrate: It's very funny. I can understand a new leg, but I can't understand the provision of a wig by this society. However, your daughter's deprivation of serious one, no doubt, and I will see what I can do. By

A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

the next applicant was a young man from Old Kent-rd., who wanted an artificial leg. Magistrate: That is very expensive. How many letters are required? Applicant: Thirty. Have you any hopes of getting such a number? Yes. How did you lose your leg? A little girl kicked me on the knee and I fell down. Didn't you take means in time to get it cured? Yes, but I returned to work too soon. I think I ought to ask you, how did the little girl come to kick you? I picked up her top. Did you strike her at all? No. The magistrate consulted Mr. Proud, the clerk of the court, and found that there were only five letters at his disposal. He awarded four towards the artificial leg, and one to the wig.

Lambeth.

RESERVIST IN THE DOCK.

Said to be an Army Reservist, Hy. Bullion, 27, was charged, on remand, with breaking the office of a reservist at Victory place, Walworth, and stealing five dozen handkerchiefs, 144 yards of calico, 60 yards of flannel,

the steps. He had since done all he could for her, and would pay the doctor's bill. In view of prisoner's promise, he was let off with a fine of 10s.

BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

A charge of frequenting Lymouth and Station roads, Walthamstow, for purpose of betting was made against Joseph Leung, 33, painter, of Lymouth-rd., Walthamstow. The evidence of P.S. Graham and P.C. Redjohn showed that they were concealed in a house and saw prisoner receiving slips and money from different men. He afterwards paid some money to a woman, and when he was spoken to he said, "I paid the woman a shilling for her bet for beans." "You have done a mistake," he had upon him £7 12s. 6d., but no slips. Prisoner now said he had never in his life backed horses or taken slips. When arrested he had just come from his brother, who had lent him £42. Out of that sum he gave the woman 1s. for a bag of beans, and given money to a man, who was to put out stall for him. The brother gave evidence as to the loan of the money. The Bench said prisoner was entitled to the benefit of the doubt. Discharged.

South-Western.

A WAITRESS DRUGGED.

Two married women, Gladys Hayman and Elizabeth Richardson, the former living in Ingleside-rd., Tooting, and the latter at Leyton-rd., Wimbledon, were charged on remand with being concerned in stealing a bottle of whisky, 23 1/2 in., and a metal watch belonging to Alice Moore, a waitress, of Congey-man-ways, Vauxhall, on Friday night. Last night, visited the Angel at High-st., Tooting, for a glass of stout, and on leaving was followed by prisoners. Prosecutor alleged that she was drugged by them into unconsciousness, and having been robbed was left lying insensible in a field at Broadwater-rd. Prosecutor said prisoner entered into conversation with her after leaving the public-house. Mr. Hayman (defending): Where did you get the money from? Witness: I saved up £3 for a holiday. Rbt. Harman, a young man, spoke to seeing prisoners assisting prosecutor along by the arms, each drooping her head as if partly unconscious.

INSOLENCE IN A FIELD.

They got into a field where prosecutor lay. Hayman then collected the woman's belongings, and with Richardson, who was leaving prosecutor insensible on the ground. He went to her assistance, and when she recovered she complained of feeling ill. Chas. Almond, of 58, Belkirk-rd., corroborated as to seeing prisoners lead prosecutor along to the field. A boy, Albert Sparkes, also a spectator, said that one of the prisoners asked him, "Why don't you run away, my boy? You will get my sister kicked." Prisoners had a drop of drink. Prisoner was the worse for drink, but Wm. Seymour, manager of the Angel public-house, where she was served, said she was perfectly sober. She was a stranger to him. He, however, knew prisoners, who had been refused the house. Mr. de Grey intimated his intention to commit prisoners for trial, but formally remanded them for the attendance of another witness.

Greenwich.

A BONA-FIDE MISTAKE.

"Is the law so elastic that a policeman can come into court one week and swear one thing, and come here again the next week and swear something else?" was the query put to the court by Jas. Evans, of Warwick-st., Deptford, who was charged on remand with torturing for the purpose of betting in Octavius-st., Deptford. At the first hearing J.S. Gore and another alleged that the torturer took prisoner from a van and saw him take betting slips. They said the occurrence took place in Octavius-st., which prisoner stoutly denied, declaring that he was not in Octavius-st. at all. He asserted that he did not take any bets in any street on that day. At the close of the case P.S. Gore and the other alleged that the torturer had thought to be Octavius-st. was really named Payne-st. It was a continuation of Octavius-st. Insp. Smith now produced a plan to show that the officers had made a bona-fide mistake, and the charge was amended. Prisoner protested against this with the remark quoted above, and called two witnesses, who said that he was not in Octavius-st. Insp. Trafford proved a previous conviction. Fined £20.

East Ham.

ERRAND GIRL CHARGED.

Formerly in the employ of a laundryman, Helen Bone, 15, an errand girl, of Priory-st., East Ham, was charged with embezzling 3d. the moneys of her employer, Job Smetburn, a laundryman, of 1, Lawrence-st., East Ham. Det. Sgt. Vansone said that on Friday evening he saw prisoner at the Woodhouse-grove Laundry, East Ham, and telling her that he was going to arrest her for embezzling money. Bone said: "Yes, I have spent the money. I didn't get much—3d. and 2d. 4d." Remanded.

Stratford.

THROWN DOWN THE STEPS.

The story of a woman who was thrown down some stone steps and injured was told when Walter Brown, 36, fishmonger, of Wilton-rd., Ilford, was charged on remand with assaulting and causing grievous bodily harm to Amelia Baxter, a prostitute, who was carried into court, said that she lived in the same house as accused, whom she had only known for about a fortnight. Prisoner was the worse for liquor, and, going to her part of the house, he called out, "Who's the man who is going to put me to sleep?" He then at once picked her up and threw her down half a dozen stone steps. She screamed out a sudden pain, and a doctor certified that her right ankle was severely sprained. She was still unable to put the foot to the ground. Complainant's husband said that prisoner exhibited some annoyance because his wife had not met him as arranged by telegram. He had had no quarrel with prisoner, and did not challenge him. Mr. Baxter said that he was in the house, and saw prisoner in going after him that he accidentally pushed Mrs. Baxter down

INQUESTS.

FATAL AMATEUR EXPERIMENT.

Dr. Westcott held an inquest at Hackney on John Thacker, 31, costermonger, of 29, Waterloo-st., Haggerston-rd. Insp. G. Turner, of the Public Control Dept., watched the case for the L.C.C. The widow stated that deceased got a plumber to make an iron apparatus, which was to be carried about on a stall and used as a gas-holder. Last Thursday deceased was in the back yard at work on his gas apparatus. His brother and his children were also there, looking on. Suddenly there was a loud explosion, and when witness ran out she saw her husband lying on his back. He was removed to the Metropolitan Hospital, but died shortly afterwards. One of the children, aged five years, told witness that his father struck a match, and then "the flame went into the gas." Deceased knew nothing about the manufacture of the acetylene gas, except what he had read. He had a book, called "Acetylene Gas: How to Make It and Use It," and he said that he had followed all the instructions carefully. Coroner: The book is all very well for the theory of the thing, but for the coster and plumber to make one of these gas-holders no more dangerous occupation could be found for them.

North London.

"I EXPECTED SOMEONE WOULD CALL."

"This is a through reading a story called 'The Confessions of the Crook' who broke into houses and never got caught. I've been out of work lately and thought I could do the same. I forced the window catch back with my knife." The above statement was made, when arrested at Thos. Ware, 17, a barman, of Wm. Freeman, 18, way, who was with Hanley-rd., Harrogate, were committed for trial charged with breaking and entering 37, Sussex-rd., Upper Holloway, and on leaving was followed by prisoners. Prosecutor alleged that she was drugged by them into unconsciousness, and having been robbed was left lying insensible in a field at Broadwater-rd. Prosecutor said prisoner entered into conversation with her after leaving the public-house. Mr. Hayman (defending): Where did you get the money from? Witness: I saved up £3 for a holiday. Rbt. Harman, a young man, spoke to seeing prisoners assisting prosecutor along by the arms, each drooping her head as if partly unconscious.

Tottenham.

TATTOOED MAN MISSING.

A woman applied to the magistrates for assistance in tracing her husband, Jno. Ernest Randall, who, she said, disappeared on May 27 from his home in Ecken-rd., Tottenham. The missing man is 28 years of age, 5ft. 6in. in height, complexion and moustache fair, hair brown, eyes blue, front teeth decayed, tattooed on the left arm, wart on right hand. When he was last seen he was wearing a dark tweed coat and vest and trousers with white stripes.

Croydon.

ROBERT THE VERGER ROBBED.

Mitcham fair had a sequel when Hy. Harris and Jno. Eaton, two smartly-dressed young men, who gave false addresses in London, were remanded in custody on a charge of stealing a gold watch from the person of Rbt. Moss, a verger, residing at Larch-rd., Balham. Prosecutor alleged that on Friday night he was at Mitcham fair watching a show when Harris spoke to him. As the spectators were leaving he felt something at his left side, and bringing his right hand down caught Harris's hand and held it, as his watch had gone. At the same time he seized Eaton because he was with Harris. Witness detained both until the arrival of the police. At the police station the watch, which had been picked up by a bystander, was handed to him by a policeman.

Kingston.

ASSAULT ON A MOTORIST.

An alleged attack on a motorist was instituted when Alf. May, 45, tailor, of 73, Alfred-rd., Spring-grove, Epsom, was charged with having assaulted Cecil Nathan, of Edensor-rd., East Molesey, at Clarence-st., Kingston. Prisoner was further charged with having been drunk and disorderly. Prosecutor, a company director, said that on the previous evening he was riding in a motor-car with a friend along Clarence-st., and driving most cautiously. He noticed prisoner in the middle of the road waving both his hands about and calling on them to stop. He pulled up the car to see what he wanted. Just as they were about to move off again prisoner, who was drunk, came round to the side of the car and struck witness, who said he was taking up the case in the interests of motorists generally with a view to stopping such conduct. P.C. Stinchley said that after prisoner had caused the car to pull up he stepped on one side as if to allow it to pass, and then, as it was going by him, prisoner dealt one of the occupants of the car a blow with his fist. The car did not touch prisoner, and on account of the latter's drunken condition witness took him into custody. Prisoner alleged that he could not get across the road in time, he asked the motorist to stop until he got back to the footway, but he declared that the car struck him (prisoner) on the knee. This story was denied by prosecutor. Chairman (to prisoner): You were evidently drunk at the time, and you committed an unprovoked assault. Fined £1, or 14 days, for the two offences.

Brentford.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A PONY.

A case of alleged horse-stealing at Hounslow was heard when Chas. Timson, 43, a coal porter, was charged with stealing a bay pony, value £12, from a field at Staines-rd., Hounslow. Det. Sgt. Charles, who was accompanied by Mr. E. Bulton, the owner of the pony, went to Market-rd., Canbury-rd., on Friday, and saw prisoner holding the pony by a halter. Asked where he got the pony from, accused replied "I don't know; why? I am only holding it for a man." On the way to the police-station prisoner said he was asked by a man if he wished to earn a dollar. He replied that he would be willing, and was then asked to take the pony to the market. Prisoner gave the officer a description of a man, but said he did not know his name. Prisoner now said the statement was quite correct. Remanded.

ASYLUM AUTHORITIES.

At an inquest held at Jas. S. Barrett, retired captain Royal Indian Marine, of Richmond-rd., Staines, who was an inmate of an asylum at Bethnal Green for about two months, the jury returned a verdict of death from syncope following debility, and attention did not appear to have been provided by the asylum authorities. Deceased's widow stated that in consequence of a local doctor's report she had deceased home from the asylum, and his condition had been positively filthy. He was suffering from bed sores and very emaciated. Dr. Sandiland, acting medical superintendent at the asylum, said that deceased refused to take his food, and was dirty in his habits. His clothes were frequently changed. Witness said he considered every thing possible for deceased had been done.

"BEAUTY'S EYES."

PHRENOLOGIST AND THE PARLOURMAID.

MODERN "MIRACLES."

Some amazing allegations were made by a parlourmaid yesterday against Tom Rogers, 40, phrenologist, of Gray's Inn-rd., who was charged with larceny, by means of a trick, of 21s. 15s., from Emma Ling, at 178, Gray's Inn-rd. Prosecutor, who is a parlourmaid, said she was staying in Greek-st. She first saw defendant in May going to his house behind his shop with a friend. She had lost the sight of one of her eyes, and was then wearing an artificial eye. He told her he could put "the cast in her eye" right for her. She told him she didn't think so unless he could perform a miracle. He then told her that if she cared to leave the glass eye out he could, in a few months' time, grow another. She told him she didn't believe him. Afterwards, however, she wrote to him, and received a letter in reply offering her treatment. He called himself a phrenologist, and Rogers. He refused 30s. a week for the treatment. She would not use her eyes in the ordinary duties of life except reading and sewing. She must not wear a shade or bandage, and would

See With Her New Eye

in six or eight weeks from the start. The eye would match the other perfectly, and would not affect her except that it would temporarily disturb the magnetic conditions. She sent her another letter, enclosing a testimonial to help and encourage her, and asked her to forward £10 on account. To show her what was possible with him he mentioned that he had broken a lady's spine and mended the same without causing pain. She wrote, expressing confidence in him, but regretted being unable to pay £10. Shortly afterwards she began to call on him for treatment every day, paying him 5s. a day. He placed her on a table each time, covered with a green cloth and treated her with his hands "on the spine, back and head." Latterly he had been slapping her on the face near the lost eye. She came to really believe he could grow her a new eye, but there was no difference, so she went to the hospital, and afterwards communicated with the police. The treatment was a sort of series of trumps.

Prisoner Cross-examined Her.

"Is it not a fact," he asked, "that your friends have noticed a new eye growing at the back not well to the front yet?" No, she told me that I must not show it to anyone. Didn't I give you a mirror to look at the white of the new eye? No. Are you aware that I struck electric sparks from my finger tips? No. Did I not make peases and use friction? Yes. Did I not chide you for being depressed and disturbing the magnetic conditions? No. Did I not tell you I never had the case of an eye cut entirely out? Yes. I was arguing from the laws of nature, which are as plain as a day. I don't deny I did not consider from analogy that as I had already grown in human beings lungs, liver and kidneys, thus I ought to be able, on the same principles, to grow any eye? Yes. Did I not ask for

The £10 in Advance

in order that my honour might not be soiled by your discontinuing the treatment and disturbing the conditions? You said so. Did you not understand that the treatment would last for 13 or 14 weeks? Yes. Then it is a breach of contract on your part?—Mr. Brose: It is no longer a question of contract. You had better take that to a jury. Dr. Harman, an ophthalmic doctor of the Middlesex Hospital, said he saw the young woman and examined her. She had no right eye at all. It was almost completely cut out. Mr. Brose: Is there any sign of a right eye growing? No. Is it possible for a lost organ? Absolutely not. There was a small portion of the outside coating of the eye remaining. Prisoner: Do you know anything about the cycle of magnetic processes? I know a good deal about magnetism and electricity. Mr. Brose: Do you know what he is referring to? His phrase is not understandable. Prisoner: My treatment was not ordinary magnetic treatment. Mr. Brose: Do you know anything about his methods? I don't. (Laughter.) Prisoner was committed for trial on the charge, it being intimated that other cases might arise.

THE "COPPER KING."

MAN WHO DEALT IN TONS OF PENNIES.

There is no one in London to step into the shoes of the "Copper King," who died recently. He had earned his livelihood by "selling" pennies—the millions of copper coins collected by the Gas Light and Coke Co. The automatic slot gas meters. The company is taking over the work done in the past by Mr. Alder, and the secretary of the Gas Light and Coke Co. "He was the only man of his profession. But for the fact that his wife is infirm she might have carried on the work." Last year 155,257,500 copper coins worth £647,000 were taken from slot meters. They weighed 1,306 tons. Banks would accept only a small proportion of them, and Mr. Alder after collecting them was round to his clients—publicans, factory owners, and others, who need a large supply of coppers for change, payment of wages, and similar purposes. He employed two assistants and kept four horses and carts for his work. He was paid on commission.

Mr. Rendshaw, 26, son of a well-known Bury manufacturer, was drowned in the River Wyre at Poulton-le-Fryde, near Preston. His motor-boat collided with a bridge and capsized. Mr. T. F. Molyneux, stationmaster at Surbiton, has been promoted to the post of general manager of the Metropolitan district on the L. and S.W. Ry. He entered the service of the company 32 years ago as a junior clerk.

(W. LOTINGA).

KEMPTON.

The one thing that brought a heating of Mr. H. J. Hall's reputation, and which created the question of his fitness for the position, was the necessity of changing the weights 18lb.—for Co

time would enable scores of people, especially City men, to join in the

More Monday and more Midland where the sport only calls for the suggestion that ALARIC, in to-morrow's Handicap, and QUEBECUR, with all its allowances in the Foul Place, might

lucky to just miss a sprint hand leap at

upon Kimstead, and the Goodwood Place on Asticot, both outsiders, and each time by a neck. Although Plant can ride 661.7 lb., he is verging towards 20. He is a married man, being the gusher

en weights. Mr. Spalding's colours had

Mr. Wood's Flyella, 8-8. F. Wootton 3
Winner trained by Morton.
Also ran: Waterlton, Splendid, Eastern
Nights, Milner II, Bettman, Diana M.
Morning Sand, Village Dance Lily, Water

ea, St. Paul, Peter Bell, Miss Spend-well
St. Rockledge, Matricole, and Gray.

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at may be described as a huge
ter-tight box of concrete below
ground.

club anglers have had fair sport. Bark are taking perch and roach in the evening.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,672 births and 1,125 deaths were registered last week.

The latter included 30 from measles, 9 from scarlet fever, 5 from diphtheria, 21 from whooping-cough, 1 from enteric fever, and 101 from diarrhoea.

Difficult forms of violence caused 52 deaths, of which 8 were cases of suicide and 1 of homicide, while the remaining were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,293 births and 1,337 deaths were registered. Allowance for increase of population, these numbers are 250 and 611 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 13.2 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,243,352 persons in the middle of this year.

To those desiring a "blow on the bum" the Havlock steamers afford excellent opportunities. Attractive fares by this line from London to Scarborough and Sunderland are announced in another column.

During the hearing at Marlborough County Court of a claim for damages arising out of a collision the plaintiff said his horse was like a sheep, but it took fright at a motor-car that exploded and "went off into fireworks."

Three historical places, situated in the picturesque Tichen, Test, and Avon valleys respectively, may be visited for the nominal sum of 4s. on Wednesday next by the L. and S.W. Ry., who announce an excursion to the cathedral cities of Winchester and Salisbury, and including Bimsey.

MILE END TRIAL ECHO.
At Hitchen the Bench consented to the temporary transfer to his son of the licence of the Old White Horse, Baldock, from A. W. Edipath, a Mile End guardian, who was recently sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

WORKING AT 106.
Mrs. Mary McGehean, who is 106, has lived on normal all her life, and works about the farm at Brockhagh, Donegal, with her children and grandchildren. She is the widow of a tenant farmer, and her faculties are practically unimpaired.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS.
The following University appointments are announced at Cambridge: Mr. A. E. Shipley, Reader in Zoology; Mr. C. T. Heycock, Reader in Metallurgy; Mr. H. O. Meredith Girdle, Lecturer in Economics; Mr. H. V. Okham and Mr. P. Labe, University Lecturers in Geography.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at Bristol at the inquest on Maria Clark, who fell from the platform and was run over by a train.

"Cyclists stored here" and "Decks and chairs killed to order" are notices displayed in the windows of Braintree tradesmen.

Many distinguished persons, including the Earl of Devon, Sir W. H. Baker, M.P., and Lady Ashburton, were among the prize-winners at Tauton Flower Show.

Eastbourne Corporation made a net profit of £260 on the working of its amusements during the past year, compared with a loss of £252 in 1907.

In the London Consistory Court a faculty was issued authorising the erection of a chapel with a holy table in it in the north aisle of St. Thomas's Church, Portman-square.

During the present year in the City of London Corporation's cemetery at Manor Park there were 18 cremations, bringing the total number to 50 since the opening of the crematorium in 1906.

A verdict of death from apoplexy was returned at an inquest at Sutton-on-Sa. (Lancashire) on Mr. Harry S. Burton, secretary to Sheffield Corporation Electric Lighting Committee, who was seized with heart failure whilst bathing.

INEBRIATES AND DRUGS.
The Home Secretary has extended the reference to the Departmental Committee upon the operation of the law relating to inebriates and to their detention in reformatories and prisons, and has authorised the committee to investigate the value of the existing methods for the treatment of inebriety by the use of drugs.

IMPROVING LONDON'S OLD CHURCHES.
A new altar is being erected in the fine old church of the Temple, and other alterations are in progress to improve the church, which was consecrated by Hieronymus, Patriarch of Jerusalem, on Feb. 10, 1185, and is one of the largest and most complete of the four round churches of England.

AN UNFORTUNATE OVERSIGHT.
A railway porter was charged at Llandudno with neglecting two mares which arrived in a box-car and were forgotten two days, and so left without food and water. The Bench held that there was no criminal neglect, and dismissed the case, on the assumption of the representative of the L. and N.W. Ry. Co. that mares had been taken to prevent a repetition of so unfortunate an oversight.

Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, the well-known authoress and poetess, has died at Boston, U.S.A., in her 75th year.

A minute more than a mile long, said to be the longest in existence on any electric tramway system, has just been opened by the Genoa Street Ry. Co.

A minute after a policeman had warned him against getting up behind a motor-trolley on High-st. Wilkesden, Arthur Holliday, it was run over by a motor-car and killed.

Having the American winner of the Marathon race, who said his reception in Ireland had been "hit to kill," has visited Moughlin (Tipperary) to receive a presentation from the townspeople.

At the completion of her month's cruise the Prince of Wales' yacht Coromandel will go into harbour at Cowes. The Prince has presented to Capt. J. C. Carter a handsome gold and diamond scarf pin.

In celebration of his completion of 50 years' ownership of the Spencer estate, the baronet presented Earl Spencer with a handsome silver cup and illuminated address at Athlone.

At a service, after a procession, in celebration of the patron saint of the church, the rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, in a three-minute address, gave a list of the church, which is more than 1,000 years old.

A labourer named Lee was quarrelled with his wife at Brinkwood when a man interfered. Lee was in the act of striking the intruder when he fell and injured his head so badly that he died.

Wm. R. Shepherd, the Aberdeen manager of R. & L. (Ed.), motor-car manufacturers, and Jas. Murray, sister, Aberdeen, have been committed for trial in connection with the recent motor-car accident at Nigg, near Aberdeen, where two men were run over and seriously injured.

THE KAISER AS AN ARTIST.
An exhibition of water-colours painted by the Kaiser is to be held in Berlin, the proceeds going to one of the leading charitable institutions.

CHARGE AGAINST A ROAD SWEEPER.
Folk, Albi, Waters, road sweeper, in the employ of the Wellington Urban Council, was remanded at Wellington charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Drewry Worsley, market foreman. It was alleged that the men quarrelled, and that in a scuffle Worsley fell and broke his ribs. He died before his depositions could be taken.

NORTH SEA FISHERIES.
Progress of investigation of the North Sea fisheries to determine to what extent the capture of small and immature fish is responsible for their depletion is reported in a Blue-book published dealing with plaice. It seems that the highest percentage of small plaice comes from the eastern grounds, and that they are practically absent from the Dogger Bank.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson have left London for the Italian Alps.

For breaking the glass of a fire-alarm in Walthamstow a youth named Harry was fined 5s. at Stratford Police Court.

The Army Rifle Association has presented two sets of jewels for the British Army Championship of India next season.

The Postmaster-General states that the Government, after careful consideration, is not at present prepared to sanction any change in the rate of postage to France.

There is no view in the Terrace Gardens at Richmond a very unusual collection of incus, a visit to which will repay a journey of many miles.

Senator Trinidad Coothe, a London magistrate, has committed suicide, leaving a note in which he declared that the politics of his country were responsible for his act.

Passengers on the Kronprinzessin Gertrude reached London in five days 18 hours from New York, the shortest time yet accomplished on the southern course.

The estate of the late Marquis de Rudini, valued at £30,000, is to be divided equally between his son Carlo, who married Miss Dora Lamberton, and succeeds to the title, and his daughter, the Marchioness Carlotto.

The Board of Trade have recently confirmed the order made by the Light Railway Commissioners authorising the construction of a light railway in the counties of Cambridgeshire and of Bedford, from Llandilo to Lampeter.

58 YEARS IN ONE COTTAGE.
William has lost his oldest inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Eliza Lambert, who died about a month short of 58 years of age. Deceased woman had resided all her life in a little cottage at the entrance to Wilton from Washford.

FALL INTO A VAULT.
While workmen were repairing a floor in the aisle of Halesford (Essex) Parish Church, the flooring suddenly gave way, and one of the men was precipitated into a vault, the existence of which had been unknown. The man had a narrow escape. The vault, which had been closed up with a thin covering of concrete, was found to contain a number of coffins, all of them in a state of great decay.

THE DEADLY ONAT.
Whilst driving in his carriage Dr. W. W. Andrew, of Hendon, was stung in the face by gnats, which caused erysipelas to set in, with fatal results. Dr. Andrew was a well-known Army surgeon, and upon his retirement he was appointed vaccination officer, police divisional surgeon, police doctor, and medical adviser to the local Oldfellows society at Hendon. All of these offices he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Jas. Baynes, public analyst of Hull and other important towns, died this week from heart disease.

After attaining the age of 105 without ever having been ill until a month ago, Mme. Darlelin has just died at Chalon-sur-Saône (France).

He's too fat-footed, your Worship," said a recruiting sergeant to the Wilkesden magistrate, who suggested that a youth with no home or friends should become a soldier.

In the New York Yacht Club's race for King Edward's Cup, at Newport, U.S.A., the sloop Avenger has come in first, her time for the course of 30 miles being 5hr. 52min. 2sec.

Driving over a level crossing on the Kewston and Tollerbury Light Railway at Inworth, two men, named Froedick, father and son, were run into and injured by a train, while their horse was killed.

In recognition of her services to education, Mrs. Wells, who for 30 years has been headmistress of Alphonstone (Essex) School, has been presented with a suite of furniture, a carpet, and an illuminated address.

Lieut.-col. G. A. E. Gore, of South Wemysh House, near Plymouth, was accidentally shot in the face while rabbit shooting on his estate. He has a narrow escape from losing his sight, but is now progressing favourably.

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Alington) entertained a number of the Royal Courts of Justice staff at a dark outing at his country seat at Cranleigh, near Guildford. The men indulged in cricket and other outdoor sports, and a most pleasant day was spent.

The State Treasurer of South Australia has informed Parliament that the Government has arranged with the Bank of Adelaide for the flotation of a loan of £2,000,000 at 4½ per cent. If the loan is sold at over 457 10s. the Government is to receive half the excess.

ORGANISING THE LABOUR VOTE.
At a meeting of the Scottish Miners' Federation in Glasgow, it was decided to appoint two organisers to devote their whole time to the work of organising the labour vote in the mining constituencies selected to be contested at the next general election.

RETIRING RAILWAY OFFICIAL.
Mr. C. F. Nicholson, passenger superintendent of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Ry., is retiring at the end of this month. He has been with the company 20 years, 17 as superintendent. He was chairman of the Railway Clearing House Superintendents' Conference for 1899.

NAVAL FOOTBALLERS.
The Admiralty has provided a fine new playground for the sailors of the Channel Fleet at Portland, the old naval recreation ground having been found to be inadequate to the sports needs of the blue-jackets. Lord Chas. Beresford has promised to open the ground on Sept. 3, when the fleet will play a football match with Dorset County.

Lady followers of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds are riding astride in large numbers.

A proposal to light the streets of South Oxendon with gas instead of oil, as at present used, has been decided by the parish council.

The report of the Metropolitan Water Board states that 80,170,300 gallons of water were supplied for consumption during the year ended March 31 last.

As a nine-year-old boy was taking down a loaded gun at Annaghmore, Co. Lactum, it fell, and the discharge instantly killed Patrick Colreavy, aged 52.

Ernest Parker, cab proprietor and baker, in this London Bankruptcy Court, attributed his failure to motor-car competition, and to last year's rise in the price of flour.

For allowing a motor-omnibus to stand idle at Cornhill, where there had been many complaints of the fumes from standing omnibuses, a conductor was ordered to pay 2s. costs at the City Sessions Court.

Ernest John Willows, a gardener's labourer, was at Huntingdon committed to the Assize on a charge of wounding with intent to kill Jack and Dorothy Willows, his nephew and niece, aged six and four respectively.

The directors of the Tottenham and Edmonton Gas Co. have decided to introduce a system of profit-sharing for their employees, and at the present price of gas the bonus will amount to 4½ pence per £100 earned per annum.

At Battle Petty Sessions, Jas. Fenton, of Fulham, was fined £20 and costs (£3 13s) for driving a motor-car in a manner dangerous to the public on June 28. The licence was ordered to be suspended for six months.

WHALES' £5,250 CATCH.
News was received in Dundee of a remarkable catch by the Dundee whaler Scotia. No fewer than six whales, yielding three tons of bone and 60 tons of oil, were secured at the last Greenland whale fishery. Whalesome is now worth £2,750 net.

VISITORS FROM FRANCE.
The number of passengers by the Folkestone-Boulogne route in July was 45,000, which is by several thousands the highest on record. The increase is principally due to the large influx of French people proceeding to London for the Franco-British Exhibition.

SERVICE ON A PLAYFIELD.
The Rev. A. L. Woodard, of St. James's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, who takes great interest in football, on Sunday afternoon, conducted an open air service on the playfield, to which a procession, headed by a cross-bearer, marched from the Victoria Mission Room, singing hymns. On the playfield prayers were recited, and the rev. gentleman delivered an earnest address on Englishmen's privileges as Christians.

A policeman spoke at the City Sessions Court of "a stationary cab-rank."

Angley newspapers announce a sale in the village of Ilanfairmatha-farnethaf.

To disperse a crowd of strikers who threw bricks into the Old Park Works, Wednesbury, it was found necessary to call out the police.

The King has presented the Rev. W. M. Ede, hon. canon of Durham, to the deanery of the cathedral church of Worcester.

A motor-tricar, which skidded on the wet road pavement of High-st. Gorleston, turned a complete somersault. The occupants were not seriously injured.

An inquest was held at Fulkham on Mr. F. H. Wenham, a retired civil engineer, of Berch Hill, Woking, who was found dead in his bath from natural causes.

Miss Beatrice Fullford, B.Sc., has resigned her post of science mistress at Milham Ford School, Oxford, having been appointed organising secretary for the Y.M.C.A. in Japan.

It was a very unusual thing for a person of his age to give way to depression, said Dr. Latham at the inquest, at Islington, on Wm. Tawitch, aged 85, who committed suicide by shooting himself.

After helping to wind up the starting gear of a motor-car, Dr. Rodock Sims died outside Eastbourne Railway Station. Dr. Sims, who had a practice on the Riviera, was acting as locum tenens at Eastbourne.

Nearly cut in two in collision with the Grimsby trawler Ugdale, the Dutch fishing lugger Cornelius, of Scheveuingen, filled with water, but her barrels saved her from sinking. Her crew were saved by the Ugdale, but a small striking and canning their boat, while returning from a little village on Isthmian Island, off County Down, where one of them had been to procure a copy of his marriage certificate, three fishermen were drowned.

TOLL OF THE SEA.
According to the statistical summary of wrecks lost during 1907, the total reduction of the effective merchant marine during last year was 828 vessels, with a tonnage of 831,225 tons.

A MARE MUTILATED.
A mare belonging to a Wilmsham (Cheshire) gentleman was found terribly cut in a field. It had apparently been attacked by some person with a sharp instrument during the night. Its fatal war with the animal, but was not insured.

BANKRUPT PAYS IN FULL.
Judge Hans Hamilton, sitting at Preston County Court, granted the annulment of the bankruptcy of Mr. Percy Baleshaw, a children's outfitter, of Preston. It was stated that the bankrupt had paid a first and final dividend of 5s. 10d. in the pound, but the official receiver had now in hand sufficient to pay the creditors a further dividend, making in all 2s. in the pound.

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SUNG BY MISS GRACIE GRAHAME.

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1. I feel aw-ful-ly knock'd a-bout, Wish that I had nev-er come ont; My young man and
2. Off we start-ed at break of day; Bill said, "Now we will be gay;" At the gar-age
3. Bill look'd glum and be-gan to swear, Said the dam-age he must re-pair; He crawl'd an-der-

I have been Try-ing to slope to Gret-na Green, Thought how beau-ti-ful it would be, A
he had call'd, Had his mo-tor car ov-er-haul'd; Got its bat-ter-y ful-ly charg'd, Its
neath the car, While I stood think-ing of my na. The car was a beau-ti-ful red, it's true, But

run-a-way marriage up there, you see, Start-ed off on a mo-tor car, The sil-ly thing burst and
tyres in-flat-ed, its valv-es en-larg'd. Off we rac-ed with a buzz and clang, Then sud-den-ly all the
Wil-liam's lan-guage has turn'd it blue. I shall get in an aw-ful row, Must real-ly get home to-

here we are! Our works went wrong up on Hampstead Heath, And I've left the car there with Bill-ly be-neath!
works went bang! Then Bill said "Dash it! we're in the 'jug'! For something's gone wrong with its spark-ing plug!"
night some-how, So will any young gen-tle-man be so kind As to come and help shore up our car be-hind!

And I thought how nice it was going to be In my love-ly mo-tor suit,..... Of we went--

off we went, and the pip-pi-ty-pip went foot-foot-foot! We felt so gay, as we rat-tled a-way To our

hon-ey-moon o'er the bor-der, But you nev-er can get to Gret-na Green If your car is out of

1st time. D.S. 2nd time. D.C. Voc.
or-der! And I or-der!

D.S. D.C. Voc.

CHILD MURDER MYSTERY.

SHOCKING DISCOVERY IN A LIVERPOOL STREET.

POLICE HUNT WITH BLOODHOUNDS.

NOTTINGHAM SCHOOLGIRL DECEYED BY SWEETS.

Up to a late hour last night no arrest had been made in connection with the Liverpool murder mystery. Throughout the whole of yesterday the police engaged in trying to solve the mystery of the death of Margaret Kirby were diligently following up a line contained in an anonymous letter received by Insp. Moore, purporting to come from the murderer. There are indications that this may be genuine, and the police are now inclined to regard it seriously. The letter is stated to be a lengthy and circumstantial account of how the writer murdered the child, and the handwriting is apparently that of an educated person. Quite accidentally the writer has given the police a valuable clue, for in detailing how he took the girl to the house in Great Newton-st., he says he was once a lodger there. He adds that it was dark at the time, and that "I can be arrested," he adds, "but I will give you a run for your money." Throughout the whole of Friday night the Liverpool police, assisted by a bloodhound named the "Char," endeavored to track the murderer of the little girl, Margaret Kirby, but their efforts met with no success.

The Discovery.

It will be remembered that the body of a little girl, which was subsequently found to be that of Margaret Kirby, who had been missing from her home since Jan. 6, was found wrapped up in a sack in Great Newton-st., Liverpool. The discovery was made shortly before seven o'clock in the morning by a labourer named Thos. Moody. Moody was passing along Great Newton-st. on his way to work when he found a sack lying on the footpath between the houses numbered 17 and 19. He informed another labourer named Jas. Mulby, and the latter cut open the sack. A body was found inside, and at first the men imagined it was that of a dead dog, but on closer investigation they discovered what was unmistakably the hand of a child. After the sack had been ripped open the men were horrified to find that it contained the body of a little girl, about seven years of age, very much decomposed, and dressed only in a chemise and two black ribbed stockings, with black elastic garters. Promptly the men communicated with the police, and the body was conveyed to the Prince's Dock mortuary.

A Police Clue.

Great Newton-st. contains many houses which are tenanted, and are not to be demolished, and it was in the vicinity of one such unoccupied house that the remains were found. It was evident that the sack had been placed there a short time previously, for it was perfectly dry, notwithstanding the fact that a considerable quantity of rain had fallen during the earlier part of the morning. At an early stage in their inquiries the police had a suspicion that the dead girl might prove to be a missing child, Margaret Kirby, and they directed their efforts mainly towards satisfying themselves on this point. They made a rough examination of the house in the vicinity of the spot where the body was found—between 17 and 19, at Newton-st., and their efforts were rewarded by a startling discovery being made in 15, Great Newton-st. This, like other premises on the side, is an unoccupied house, and in a corner of the cellar, Moore found clear evidence that the body had only a short time previously been removed. Several pieces of child's clothing were lying on the floor, and more ghostly proof in the form of pieces of decomposed and some hair was at hand.

An Unoccupied House. House in which this discovery was made had been unoccupied for months, so that it is highly probable that the child was taken there before or soon after its death. The body had been removed on No. 15 was made quite clear in the day, when the father of the child, Margaret Kirby, identified the clothing found in the cellar, and also that lying on the body, as that of his little girl. In the morning the body had lain in it was found in the cellar-kitchen, the door of the cellar-kitchen had been burst open, and was lying on the floor. The outline of a body was clearly discernible on the floor. The operation must have been accomplished in the dead of night, in the intervals of the woman's absence, and by a man who went about his work calmly, as he should have acted in so extraordinary a manner, however, was a mystery.

Deceyed by Sweets. Little girl's disappearance occurred on Monday, January 6, just a fortnight after her mother's death. She was playing with her year-old brother and some of the schoolgirls in the rear garden, when a stranger came up to them and asked her to go with him to buy some sweets for him. Margaret, with childlike confidence, and gladly, and before going on errand sent her brother home.

It was the last that was seen of the child. The description which was given of the little girl of the man in the company little Margaret was seen was that he was tall, was dressed in dark clothes, wore a collar, and had a dark mustache. Much greater degree of public interest was excited in the mysterious disappearance of the child than in any other case of the kind, and sympathy which was aroused for the girl's father by reason of the disappearance of his little daughter following so close upon the death of his

only in the immediate vicinity of the district in which the girl was last seen, but all over the city, and shops and outbuildings of all kinds, and every kind of place which might have been made use of for the secret disposal of a body were examined carefully, without disclosing the slightest trace of the vanished girl. Inhabited houses, as well as those which were without tenants, were made the object of police attention in several cases. The detectives, assisted by plain clothes officers, were told off to scour the city in every direction, and their efforts were supplemented by the endeavours of a small army of amateur detectives. Those sympathies having been stirred by the distressed condition of the unhappy father, voluntarily and freely devoted a good deal of time and trouble to the search. It was not until every likely spot in the city had been visited and examined by the detectives that the search was practically abandoned as hopeless. To the end, however, the public displayed the keenest interest in the progress of the police operations, and inquiries were repeatedly made at the police offices by absolute strangers as to whether any intelligence of the girl's whereabouts had yet been received.

The Inquest.

The inquest on the body of the little girl was opened by the Liverpool coroner. The jury, having viewed the remains, inspected the cellar and the street where they were found in a sack. The father of the deceased child, David Kirby, a journeyman plumber, said he journeyed the clothes found on the cellar floor, and also what remained on the body, as those worn by his daughter when she

invited. A photograph of the missing child was widely circulated, and a reward of £25 was offered for any information that would lead to her recovery. The official description of the missing girl is as follows:—Aged 7 years, proportionate build, freckles, light brown hair, blue eyes. Has a large dark brown patch between the shoulders. When last seen was dressed in a light brown frock, white pinafore, woolen Tams-shanter with red and black squares, black ribbed stockings, grey hose combinations, and black buttoned boots. The police throughout the country, and the special crime investigation officers from New Scotland Yard, are searching for a trace of the little girl, but it is feared that she may have fallen a victim to murder. When news reached Nottingham that a child had been found dead in a sack in Liverpool it was thought at first that the victim might prove to be a little Frances Seiger, but as is now known it was the body of the lost Liverpool child, "Maggie" Kirby.

FIGHT FOR A CHILD.

RUSSIAN LAWYER AND HIS RUN-AWAY WIFE. When the Hamburg-American liner Amerika reached Plymouth from New York, a romantic story was made known concerning one of her passengers, David Rasmussen, a wealthy Russian lawyer. Mr. Rasmussen tracked his wife to an hotel in Madison-avenue, New York, where she had fled with a young hanker named Moses Scheinermann. Apprising the police of his discovery, the husband appealed to them to arrest the couple, as they had with them his three-year-old son. The police declined to interfere. At length the husband secured a warrant, and, with his lawyer and two policemen, proceeded to the hotel and burst into the room where Scheinermann was found with Mrs. Rasmussen and the child. The husband rushed at the banker, and beat him vigorously with an umbrella until the police separated them.

RECONCILIATION REFUSED. Rasmussen fell on his knees, and pleaded with his wife to be reconciled, and to return with him and the child to Russia. The woman flatly refused, whereupon Rasmussen again attacked Scheinermann, and once more the police intervened, and this time the three were arrested. At the police-court the father was fondling the little boy, MARGARET KIRBY.



THE HOUSE WHERE THE GIRL'S CLOTHES WERE FOUND.

disappeared. He could not recognize the body owing to decomposition, but he had no doubt whatever that it was that of his daughter. He last saw her alive on the Sunday night. On the following day, when he got home from his work, he found that Margaret had been missing since 4.30 that afternoon, having gone away from the garden where she was playing, with a strange man, who said he

Wanted to Buy Sweets for Her. Witness scoured the neighbourhood and made inquiries from his relatives, but heard nothing. He then put the matter into the hands of the police. His fate remained a mystery until the finding of the remains in the street shortly after their removal from the cellar by some unknown person. The coroner expressed sympathy with the father, and said he would adjourn the inquest for a month to allow the police ample time to pursue their inquiries. This was agreed to by the jury. When the child's remains were interred a great crowd was present at the cemetery. On every hand horror was expressed at the foul deed, with a fervent wish that the search for the murderer might be successful. No arrest on suspicion has yet been made.

NOTTINGHAM MYSTERY.

FUTILE SEARCH FOR DECEYED SCHOOLGIRL. The mystery of the disappearance of Frances Seiger, a pretty little Nottingham girl, seven years of age, has been engaging the attention of the police for two months, but they have failed to find any trace of her. It was on the afternoon of June 15 that the child disappeared. She lived with her parents at 183, Wilford-rd., Nottingham, and on this particular afternoon she left the Queen's-walk School as usual at 4.30. It is believed that she was decoyed away by some one, probably with the promise of sweets. As she did not return home her parents became alarmed and communicated with the police. After a fruitless search of empty houses and among

NEW SUBMARINE. The new submarine boat C 17 has been unexpectedly launched at Chatham Dockyard. The public were not admitted, but several dockyard officers and their wives were present. Mrs. Giffard, wife of Vice-admiral Giffard, cut the rope which ostensibly broke the little craft in position, and she took to the water in splendid style. C 17 was afterwards towed to No. 3 Dock to be completed.

ELECTROCUTED.

LITTLE BOY'S DEATH ON THE RAILWAY.

At Kensington, Coroner Oddie held an inquest on Edwin Chas. Bricknell, the five-year-old son of a labourer, living in Appleford-rd., North Kensington, who was killed on the Met. Rly.—Deceased was staying with his mother at a relative's house in Acland-rd., the garden of which adjoined the Met. Rly. On the morning of Aug. 8 he went into the garden to play, and later his mother was told that he had gone on to the railway line. She ran to fetch him, and met a man carrying him, dead. The other children in the house, who were playing in the garden, did not see him. Edwin Edwards, a motorman in charge of a train from Westbourne Park to Nottingham on the morning in question, said that when approaching Portobello-rd. Bridge he saw smoke coming from the opposite line, and, noticing a child on the line, he stopped his train and obtained a rubber mat, with which he removed the body from the line, and carried the little fellow to his mother. The child was lying face downwards along the line, his right side on the positive, or outer, rail, and his left hand on the running rail.

Instantaneous Death. Dr. O'Brien said the child's left hand was charred to the bone. The cheek and left knee were also charred. The current had entered the left hand, passed through the heart and brain, and out through the cheek and knee. Death would have been instantaneous, and due to shock. The standard wall was only from 18 to 23 inches high. The distance from the wall to the railway was 21ft.—Jas. Jarvis, the landlord, said he had resided in the house before the present tenants, and had never realized the danger. Coroner: But you realized that there was a danger after the electrician told you that? Witness said he did, and added that the wall was not his property, but the property of the railway company. The tenants had never asked for additional fencing.

The Coroner's Surprise. The coroner expressed surprise that witnesses did not complain with the railway company, and the jury expressed the opinion that witnesses, as a landlord, ought to have made some arrangement for the protection of his tenants.—Mr. Wilding, chief inspector of the railway, agreed with the coroner that there existed considerable danger, but adding that the wall was not the property of the railway. It was the property of the houseowner. He was strongly of opinion that some fencing was desirable. They had fencing on other parts of the line, but they still found that children got over it. Coroner: But if you put up a fence which it is difficult for children to get over then you have done everything that is expected of you.

Dangers of "Live Rails." Mr. Grant, electrical engineer to the company, said that the outer rail carried the positive rail and was protected by boards. It was possible to obtain a shock by connection with this rail and touching another rail, or even the earth. It was very dangerous to touch the positive rail, but one could stand on the negative rail in the middle without danger. The landlord gave an undertaking to rebuild the wall or do anything that the jury thought desirable.—The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and expressed the opinion that high railings should be placed along the whole length of these houses.

CHANNEL SWIMMERS.

SIX ASPIRANTS IN TRAINING AT DOVER. In addition to Burgess, the Yorkshireman, there are five aspirants for the Channel swimmer's honour, and two of the latest arrivals are the Lancashire long-distance swimmer, Fred Kearley, of Wigan, and the Welshman, Jack Ross, of Llanelli, who hold the long-distance sea swimming record for the Principality. Both Kearley and Ross are making their first attempt on the English Channel, and will start on the next tide, next week in the morning. They are having practice swims in the Channel. Montague Holbein has arranged to make a further attempt to swim the Channel next Thursday. J. Wolfe, who has been making some good practice swims, and now reports himself as quite fit, will leave Dover to-day to start his attempt from Sangatte, near Calais. James Moar, a positive honour, but not intended to try again on next week's tide. After a conference at Dover yesterday Burgess arranged to start his Channel swim early this morning.

WARSHIP EXPLOSION.

SIX MEN KILLED ON TRAINING SHIP. A serious accident has occurred on the Couronne, a French training ship, at present lying off Salins d'Hyeres. During training practice a shell exploded in the bow of the vessel, and six men were killed and 13 injured. It is stated that the explosion was caused by overheating, and that the accident is a repetition of those which occurred in 1906 and 1907. The first of the injured to arrive at the hospital of St. Mandrier had sustained terrible injuries, and he had his right arm and had his right thigh fractured, and others will have to have their arms or legs amputated. Two officers were injured, but only slightly. In his report to the Maritime Prefecture, the captain states that after the first explosion a second exploded in the hands of one of the gun crew, carrying away the man's hands, and starting an outbreak of fire. The condition of three or four of the injured men is serious. The captain added that no one had acted in prudently, that no shock was felt, and that everyone had done his duty.

DEATH BEFORE TRIAL.

After being committed by the magistrate for trial on a charge of assault, Mrs. Catherine Weeks, a middle-aged woman, procured bail and was released. Then she was home to the son grove, Marlborough, but the trouble coming on top of bad trade in the cotton line, worried her so that she poisoned herself with spirits of calomel. "Unhappy mind," was the verdict at Radcliff.

KILLED BY A MOTOR.

PATHETIC INCIDENT AT THE INQUEST.

A pathetic scene marked the inquest, at the West Ham coroner's court, on Alf. Baden Powell Litchfield, aged eight years, of 129, Upper-rd., Plaistow, who was knocked down and killed by a motor omnibus at Barking-rd., Plaistow, on Aug. 10.—From the evidence it appeared that deceased and some other boys were riding behind a timber wagon proceeding along Barking-rd., when a London General motor-bus, driven by Geo. Philpott, approached from the opposite direction at about six miles an hour. Deceased and the other lads left the wagon and ran towards the motor-bus. Philpott applied his brakes, and swerved to the left, but he was unable to avoid deceased.

"I Did My Best." The boy was knocked down, and the off wheels passed over him, crushing his head to a pulp and splitting open his left leg.—As the doctor was giving evidence, the mother, a female widow, and a man fainting, and when Philpott entered the witness-box he also broke down and cried bitterly. He sobbed, "I did my best—I did my best," and was unable to continue. He was an experienced driver, and was wearing the Egyptian medal. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and exonerated the driver from all blame.

A "MERCHANT" HERO.

The Royal Humane Society's medal for life saving has been awarded to Mr. E. T. Hughes, an iron merchant



E. T. HUGHES

of Middlebrough, for an exceptional case of bravery. He plunged into 30 feet of water in the Tyne to save two boys. As he was swimming to shore with his double burden a large retriever dog jumped into the water and tried to climb upon Mr. Hughes' back. Despite these difficulties he managed to reach the bank in safety with his heavy load.

A GALLANT RESCUE.

Yesterday Miss Ellen Cox, a maid in the service of some visitors to Whitby, led an extremely narrow escape from drowning while bathing there. Miss Cox entered her life to a gallant rescue on the part of a local fisherman named Rbt. Coulson. Seeing that the girl was in difficulties Coulson promptly plunged in, and though she had twice been beneath the water, succeeded in grasping her and dragging her back to the beach. Miss Cox was unconscious, but recovered after artificial respiration had been resorted to for some time.

38 YEARS' SERVICE.

The King has awarded the Imperial Service medal to Mr. N. Thorp, late hallkeeper at the G.P.O., who has



MR. N. THORP.

seen 38 years' service, and served under no fewer than nine Postmaster-Generals. Mr. Thorp was one of the last red coat and top hat officers, and through doing duty under the great portico of the G.P.O. became a conspicuous figure.

SWITZERLAND OF ENGLAND.

By the opening of a new road in North Devon, constructed at a cost of about £200, the "Switzerland of England," as Lynton and Lynmouth are sometimes called, has been rendered much more easily accessible than it was in the past. Hitherto the only roads into Lynmouth have been very steep descents from the Porlock side and from Lynton, necessitating extra horses and virtually prohibitive for motor. A new approach by way of Watermouth has now been provided. The land required for the new road was given by Earl Fortescue, who also defrayed the cost of the fencing.

J.P. FOR FIFTY YEARS.

The roll of Justices of the Peace for the county of Middlesex shows that Mr. H. B. Halliwell, of Kensington Gate W., a member of the Westminster Bench, completed yesterday his 50th year on the bench, his appointment having been made on Aug. 11, 1858.

CANDID BURGLAR.

"VERY DANGEROUS MAN" SENTENCED.

The story of a burglar's misdeeds in and around London on an extensive scale was told at the Clerkenwell Sessions when a short, sturdily-built man, named George Hall, 39, painter, pleaded guilty to having broken into the residence of Mr. Robert Wilton Wilkinson, an independent gentleman, at Freginal Hampstead. For some time the particular district in question had been the scene of many raids by a burglar, and in one case Det.-sergt. Ballard recognized, he thought, the handiwork of prisoner. As a result his home in Freginal was kept under close observation. On the evening of July 22 he was seen to leave and go to Hampstead.—An officer proved the following convictions against prisoner for burglary and housebreaking:—

1881, 3 months. 1900, 4 years' penal servitude.

At the time of his arrest he was on ticket-of-leave. Prisoner's Confession. Det.-sergt. Ballard stated that while undergoing his last sentence prisoner wrote "I have committed my last crime against the law. Henceforth I am an honest man." He then went on to give a list of several sentences he had served in London and Manchester, commencing in 1886, which the police seem to have forgotten. He also made a confession in which he admitted that he committed burglaries at Thornton Heath, Croydon, Wimbledon, Ealing, Brockley, Richmond, Finchley, Hampstead, Tufnell Park, Highgate, Camden Town, and Hyde Park, among other places.—Mr. Loveland said it was clear prisoner was a very dangerous man, and he would have to undergo seven years' penal servitude and three years' police supervision, in addition to his ticket-of-leave.

A CRUESOME INCIDENT.

MAIL TRAIN IN FLAMES WITH A COFFIN ON BOARD.

The pages of a shilling shocker in its anti-climax would find a fitting parallel in a gruesome incident reported from Burton-on-Trent. The late mail, with its usual complement of coaches, was seen speeding with heavily laden brakes into the station in flames, and people rushed amidst intense excitement from the carriages before the wheels had scarcely ceased to revolve. While the officials took prompt action to subside the outbreak there was an ominous silence maintained to anxious inquiries, and the post-up relief at learning that there were no casualties was immediately supplanted by

"BURGLARY" COMEDY.

VIGILANT CITIZEN USES A POKER ON A POLICEMAN.

On account of the numerous burglaries which have occurred in Dublin recently the citizens are in a state bordering on panic. Great havoc has been secured in the city and suburbs during the past few days, and few arrests have been made. Many of the robberies are of a most daring nature. The extreme vigilance of the police and the nervousness of the people led to a midnight comedy a day or two ago, which, though it might have been a serious matter for the policeman concerned, has brought greater ease to the minds of the citizens by demonstrating how alert and watchful the police have become.

AFTER THREE YEARS.

POLICE COURT SEQUEL TO LOVERS' QUARREL.

The course of true love has again failed to run smooth, and after keeping company with a young woman for three years, Hy. Daws, of 13, Holborn-avenue, Finsbury-rd., has been jailed. He owed the girl a considerable sum, and was badly "cut up" when she refused to have anything to do with him. Indeed, it is alleged he threatened to shoot her. As a consequence he was summoned before the Sheffield magistrates for threatening to do the girl bodily harm.—Complainant, Edith Gibson, of Ebenezer-st., stated that she wished to break off her intimacy with Daws in June last, but on the 24th of the same month, when she went to fetch some pastry for her mother, defendant accosted her. She told him that she did not want to have anything to do with him, and thereupon he drew a revolver and shot her. He did not see him again until July 25.—Several witnesses were called, who deposed as to having heard defendant use threatening language to complainant.—Mr. Muir Wilson, who defended, said that Daws, who is a grocer's drayman, had been keeping company with defendant for three years with a view to marriage. He had bought her an engagement ring, and given her several other presents, and he had never threatened the girl at all. It was a tale which had been connected by the girl and her parents. Defendant expressed his willingness to give up all communication with the girl and to have nothing more to do with her.—He was bound over for six months in the sum of £10.

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OFFENSIVE LETTERS.

A SERIOUS LIBEL CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

Offensive letters written by a clerk to a prominent City man led to the appearance in the dock at the Guildhall of Adolphe Leon Sawyer, 56, of Aden-grove, Stoke Newington, charged on a warrant with having, on July 20, unlawfully published a false and defamatory libel of and concerning Mr. Jas. H. Hills, who holds a responsible position in a well-known public company in Bishopsgate-st. Originally summoned to appear on July 31, defendant failed to attend. A warrant was then applied for, but the magistrate decided to give defendant a second chance before proceeding to an extreme measure of arresting the case.

Arrested on a Warrant.

In the meantime, the offensive letters were repeated, whereupon a second application was made for a warrant, and it was granted, and was at once executed by Det.-sergt. Herbert Smith. The offensive letters were said to reflect on the moral character of prosecutor.—Mr. Toomer, who now prosecuted, said since accused had been in custody he had apologized, and as the abatement of the annoyance was all that was wanted, Mr. Hills desired to go no farther in the matter.—Defendant, I am exceedingly sorry, and I have humbly apologized for these letters—the whole of which were written under a misapprehension. I regret, and am sorry that I was led into making these mistakes. I have done an amount of penance since I was arrested.

Only Himself to Blame.

The magistrate (having perused the libels complained of) said: You have only yourself to blame for the position in which you are placed.—Mr. Toomer read prisoner's written apology, with his promise never again to offend.—Accused: It was a combination of circumstances that made me write the letters, based on an entirely wrong foundation. And I repeat that I am sorry for what I have done.—Magistrate: You should be sure of what you call your foundation before you start on anything of this kind, though there can be no justification for such letters. You have withdrawn all your allegations. But I must tell you that this is a very serious matter, and it is entirely owing to the kindness of Mr. Hills that I do not send you for trial but allow the charge to be withdrawn.—The case was then withdrawn, and prisoner discharged.

"A LOT TO ANSWER FOR."

GIRL'S SEASIDE STORY OF A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE.

Arising out of a charge of obtaining goods by fraud, a pathetic story of a promise of marriage which remains unfulfilled was told at the Blackpool Police Court, when two well-dressed men, Rtd. Id. Coupe and Jas. Gilder, were charged with obtaining by false pretences £7 10s. in money and a silver flower centre, value £2 10s., from Messrs. Venners, jewellers, of Talbot-square, Blackpool, on Aug. 4, and with other similar offences.—The Chief Constable stated that Coupe went to Messrs. Venners' jewellers' shop, and, representing that he was staying at the Talbot Hotel, purchased a silver ornament, tendering a cheque from the Rugby Brewery Co. for £10, made payable to and endorsed by R. E. Coupe. The price of the ornament was £2 10s., and prisoner was handed £7 10s. change out of the cheque. He left the shop saying he would send for the ornament, and later the other prisoner called and took it away. The Chief Constable said there were many similar cases. Coupe having obtained £3 15s. Gd. from a Mr. Cox, £5 10s. from a Mrs. Rishon, £4 10s. from a Mr. Waring, butcher, and he had attempted to obtain £5 10s. from a Mr. Goulden. In each case cheques were tendered. The two men were also wanted at Liverpool and Bolton. When arrested cards were found in Coupe's possession bearing the name Coupe, Rugby Brewery Co. Coupe represented himself as a traveller for the Rugby firm, which, he said, owned 200 houses, and he had all false, as there was no such firm in existence.

DECEPTION ADMITTED.

Emily Parker, a pretty, dark-complexioned girl, told a pathetic story, at the conclusion of which she completely broke down. She said Coupe said, at a Douglas boarding-house about 10 days ago. Coupe said he could get her a situation as a barmaid, for he was a traveller for the Rugby Brewery Co., which owned 200 houses. He afterwards made a proposal to her, and she went to live with him at Park-rd., Douglas. Whilst there prisoner told her that his father, who owned the brewery, had died, and that he was now carrying on the business. The brewery had branches at Derby, Nottingham, Leeds, and elsewhere. Coupe took her to Blackpool, telling her they were to be married by special licence. She was taken, but the marriage never took place. On Aug. 8 prisoner gave witness a cheque for £5 on the Rugby Brewery Co., and with this she purchased some meat, and received £4 17s. in change. Later, prisoner gave her the silver ornament.—Coupe expressed sorrow for the trouble he had caused the young woman, and whilst admitting he had deceived her, promised to marry her when he came out of goal.—Chairman: You have a lot to answer for.—Both prisoners were remanded.

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